THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) M/s Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL) manufactures NPK complex fertilizer grade, 17-17-17, MFL uses naphtha and urea mix as feedstock for manufacture of 17-17-17. The Tariff Commission recommended normative delivered cost of complex fertilizers group-wise based on the feed stock used for deriving nitrogen 'N', namely natural gas, naphtha, ammonia-urea mix and ammonia. MFL has been grouped by the Tariff Commission in the naphtha group. Since there was variation in the cost of 'N' of different units within group, Individual 'N' price for each unit has been adopted instead of weighted average group price recommended by the Tariff Commission. For example, the weighted average group price of 'N' for naphtha group in which MFL falls is Rs. 295 per 'N' while MFL's cost is Rs. 326 per 'N'. Adopting group average price of Rs. 295 per 'N' would have resulted in under recovery by MFL of Rs. 31 per 'N'. As such, Government has adopted the actual cost incurred by MFL and thereby compensates MFL for its cost. Escalation/de-escalation in price of inputs is given uniformly to all units.

(c) and (d) A proposal for financial restructuring of MFL is under the active consideration of the Government. This will also entail some commitment/relief from Financial Institutions. Since the proposal also involves restructuring of the share capital of the company, the matter is under consultation with the minority shareholders, namely, M/s Naftiran Intertrade Company (NICO) of Iran whose response in the matter is under examination. As such, it is not possible to indicate a firm schedule for implementation of the restructuring proposal.

Rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims

39. SHRI R.C. SINGH:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has agreed to set up an Empowered Commission to rehabilitate the survivors and victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) As decided by the Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted to oversee the matters related to Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster, in their meeting held on 11th June 2008, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals prepared a Draft Proposal on the Terms of Reference, modalities, functions, powers, headquarters and other related requirements for setting up of the proposed Empowered Commission on Rehabilitation of the Victims of Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster, of December, 1984. After approval of the Chairman of the GoM, the Proposal for setting up of the Empowered Commission with draft Terms of Reference covering, *Inter-alia*,

medical, social economic and environmental rehabilitation has been circulated to the Ministries/Departments concerned of the Government of India and also to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for their views/comments.

Shortage of fertilizers in Andhra Pradesh

40. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRIAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers of the country are facing shortage of fertilizers particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any measures have been taken/proposed to be taken to overcome the situation;

(c) how many PSUs would increase their production and how much of the shortages is to be met by imports;

(d) whether any additional quantum of fertilizers output is earmarked for the use of farmers of Andhra Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. Union Government ensures availability of urea at State level. State Governments are responsible for its distribution within the State. All other fertilizers *viz.* DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply.

The availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilisers in Andhra Pradesh during Kharif' 2008 have been over and above the assessed requirement as under:

State	Particulars	Urea	DAP	MOP	Complex
Andhra Pradesh	Demand/ Assessed requirement	1350.00	425.00	250.00	1150.00
	Supply (Availability)	1420.41	535.27	316.66	894.01
	Sales	1363.94	534.59	314.28	883.02

As can be seen, there is on shortage of Urea, DAP and MOP in Andhra Pradesh. However, the component 'P' has been compensated by additional supplies of DAP to the tune of about one lakh MT.